

**Air Quality Advisory and Burn Ban for the Nez Perce Reservation <?xml:namespace prefix = o
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through 9:00am Monday, September 17th, 2007

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Due to the wildfire smoke in our area from wildfires east and southeast of the Reservation in <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Clearwater and Idaho Counties, an air quality advisory and burn ban is in effect for the entire Nez Perce Reservation through 9:00am Monday, September 17, 2007.

Wildfire smoke may return to the area throughout the weekend, and smoke may settle into valleys. Some areas may be more impacted than others so please take appropriate precautions.

Air quality is currently in the "Moderate" range. Under "Moderate" conditions, unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.

No EPA/NPT burn permits will be approved. Camping and recreational fires are also prohibited. This action does not apply to fires set for cultural or traditional purposes (FARR General Rule for Open Burning, Section 49.131).

These restrictions are in effect through 9:00am Monday, September 17th, 2007. Conditions will be reassessed at that time.

If you have questions, please contact:

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